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From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

Re: SI

12 March 1945

[1 group unidentified] to SAN FRANCISCO [6 groups unrecovered]  
Vladimir Ivanovich MIKHNEV(1)

[41 groups unrecoverable]

MIKHNEV said that if the press of the USA does not [1 group unidentified]  
its hostile tone with regard to the USSR,

[54 groups unrecoverable]

him concerning the necessity of being [4 groups unidentified] and [1  
group unidentified]. In answer to this MIKHNEV told me that he had an  
appropriate plan of his travels in the USA, agreed upon with the Cen-  
ter. MIKHNEV is working here in the uniform of an Australian war  
correspondent. Through Americans he [2 groups unrecovered] in

[remainder of message, 77 groups, unavailable]

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Comments:

- (1) MIKHNEV: Vladimir Ivanovich MIKHNEV was the TASS correspon-  
dent in SYDNEY, Australia from 10 September 1942 to 18 Janu-  
ary 1945. He returned to the USSR accompanied by Georgij  
Makarovich BORNHOV, travelling via the USA, being recorded as  
being in SAN FRANCISCO between 1 and 25 February, 1945.

4 May 1971

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